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Disability Commission Minutes 11/17/04

ARLINGTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2004

Members Present: Lin Baker, Tom Boudreau, Barbara Cutler,
 Joseph Giurleo, Louis Krodel, Kevin
 O'Brien, Maureen St. Hilaire

Members Absent: Barbara Jones

Staff Present: Jack Jones

Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2004:

Tom made a motion seconded by Joe to accept the minutes of October 20, 2004. SO VOTED

Vision 2020 Questionnaire:

Jack said that the Vision 2020 Committee has requested the Disability Commission participation in the Vision 2020 January 2005 Questionnaire. Barbara C. said that the Disability Commission is pleased that Vision 2020 is addressing issues of concern for people with disabilities and the Disability Commission welcomes involvement to broaden Arlington's understanding of the a-ray of disabilities.

Curb Cut Work:

Jack said that the Massachusetts Avenue Curb Ramp project would end for this season after the contractor's current list is completed. Jack said that approximately \$15,000 of funding for this project will be unexpended during 2004 and will be carried forward to calendar year 2005.

Peirce School Accessibility Issues:

Jack said that DRA Architects intend to apply for a variance from the Architectural Access Board for the circular ramp. Jack said that DRA intends to remove the exterior hardware from the Park Ave. Ext. door leading to the walkway that has slope requirements that do not conform to the Architectural Access Board Rules and Regulations for a walkway.

Community Development Update:

There was no new information relevant to accessibility issues.

Other Business:

Louis said he would contact other local Disability Commissions to request copies of their newsletters.

Jack said that the slopes of the curb ramps at the newly constructed Boston Federal Bank building when originally surveyed were not in compliance; however the curb ramps have been reconstructed to the required slope requirements.

Louis said that he had made an appointment at the request of Chief Ryan for himself and Jack to discuss disability issues at a scheduled Police Departments Roll Call during December 2004.

Barbara C. expressed concern that the Arlington School Department's literature refers to diversity but does not mention disability in the categories of diversity.

Barbara C. said that the Arlington Advocate has printed the fifth article provided by Barbara regarding disability issues.

Legislative Update:

Barbara C. said that the fight for MICASSA continues. Barbara said that by the December Meeting State Legislation would have been filed for 2005.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.